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EXHIBIT #V.E.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: James E. Rier Jr., Commissioner*

DATE: June 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Termination of Authority for Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions (CMMCCNHP), located in Lewiston, Maine to Confer Academic Degrees, effective July 1, 2014

BACKGROUND: In a letter from President, Susan C. Baltrus, dated May 19, 2014, the Department was formally notified that the Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions (CMMCCNHP) will change its name to the Maine College of Health Professions (MCHP) with the effective being July 1, 2014. In this letter the Commissioner was also notified that Articles of Amendment have been filed with the Office of the Secretary of State. President Baltrus's letter contained affirmation that no future degrees will be conferred in the name of CMMCCHP.

20-A MRSA, Chapter 409, §10712, provides that the State Board of Education terminates the authority of an educational institution to confer degrees when any of the following has occurred: 1. discontinuance of instruction; 2) sale of stock; 3) sale or lease of assets; and/or 4) merger, consolidation, or reorganization. The Department has been advised that, effective July 1, 2014, the Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions will discontinue all instruction and the conferring of academic degrees under the name of CMMCCNHP. Commencing on July 1, 2014, the CMMCCNHP will be replaced by an institution which will offer the same instruction and continue to confer the AAS in Nursing degree under the name of the Maine College of Health Professions (MCHP). The academic program will remain the same – only the name will have changed.

RECOMMENDATION: That, given discontinuance of instruction, the State Board of Education terminate the degree-granting authority of the Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions - with the effective being July 1, 2014.

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